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SUBJECT:LAW OF THE SEA CONSULTATIONS - AFRICA

1. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION
AT FORTHCOMING MAY-JULY UNCLOS SESSION IN NEW YORK, AMBAS-

SADOR RICHARDSON WILL BE SENDING DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR LAW OF THE SEA RICHARD G. DARMAN AND JOHN T. SMITH ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. GUIDANCE, ITINERARY AND LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO HIGHEST LOS OFFICIAL IN GOVERNMENT FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. POSTS SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. BEGIN TEXT:

-- DEAR MR. MINISTER:

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A SOUND, COMPREHENSIVE TREATY ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WOULD BE CLEARLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MANKIND. PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSED THIS SENTIMENT IN HIS RECENT ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS A SENTIMENT WHICH WE KNOW YOU SHARE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A SATISFACTORY TREATY AT THE COMING MAY SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON

THE LAW OF THE SEA IN NEW YORK.

-- AS YOU KNOW, DEEP SEABED ISSUES HAVE BEEN, AND REMAIN, AMONG THE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY THE RECENT INFORMAL, INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON THESE ISSUES AT THE MEETINGS CONVENED IN GENEVA BY NORWEGIAN MINISTER JENS EVENSEN. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE FRANK, REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE, AND THAT THEY SEEM-CONFIDENTIAL

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ED TO MANY TO ENGENDER A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM THAT A PRACTICAL RESOLUTION OF THE DEEP SEABED ISSUES MIGHT BE WITHIN REACH. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO DO OUR PART TO HELP ENSURE THAT SUCH A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT IS CONTINUED.

-- IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A LAW OF THE SEA TREATY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS APPOINTED ELLIOT RICHARDSON AS AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. IN HIS NEW ROLE, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IS SUPPORTED BY TWO DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA, MR. RICHARD G. DARMAN AND MR. JOHN THOMAS SMITH. MESSRS. DARMAN AND SMITH ARE NOW EMBARKED ON A SERIES OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, AND THEY HOPE TO VISIT YOUR CAPITAL AND MEET WITH YOUR LAW OF THE SEA REPRESENTATIVES TO BUILD UPON THE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF THE EVENSEN MEETING.

-- MESSRS. DARMAN AND SMITH ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH

US POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN LAW OF THE SEA AND, OF COURSE,
HAVE MY CONFIDENCE, AND THE CONFIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON, WITH WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED.
SHOULD YOU WISH, AND SHOULD YOU, OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE,
FIND IT CONVENIENT TO MEET WITH THEM IN THE COURSE OF THEIR
FORTHCOMING VISIT, I AM SURE WE WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY. IN
ANY CASE, I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM
YOU OF THEIR VISIT AND OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS BEING
UNDERTAKEN.

-- SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE

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